--- 25 Cigars - “Series of 1971” - coarse roulette - “Maple Leaf” ---

--- “Simon Cigars”, Montreal [47-10D] - scanned at 150% scale ---

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The catalogue lists the recess printed twenty-five cigar “Series of 1971” black stamp as follows:

RG-740 - 25 cigars, black, imperforate
RG-741 - 25 cigars, black, coarse roulette

The 6 mm. Roman code reads with the [year] repeated as the initial and final digit, and the [month] as the two central digits. Thus **2052** will read as the fifth month (May) of 1972. The *box collection* identifies these as coming from “Consolidated Cigars”, Montreal. To date the collection contains the following four copies:

RG-741 - 25 cigars, *coarse roulette*, coded **4104** in 6 mm. Roman numbers,
by “Consolidated Cigars”, Montreal, in October 1974

[RG-741]	1971	1972	1973	1974
January	---	---	---	---
February	---	---	---	---
March	---	---	---	---
April	---	---	---	---
May	---	**2052**	---	---
June	---	**2062**	---	**4064**
July	---	---	---	---
August	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---
October	---	---	---	**4104**
November	---	---	---	---
December	---	---	---	---

The sequence should logically end in August 1974 with **4084**. However its use seems to have continued until October 1974. Since Import Licensees were permitted to use their *stamps on hand* after the August 1974 deadline, it is probable that the October 1974 usage was on an imported package.

“Simon Cigars”, Montreal, seems to have acquired “J.P. Forest”, St. Jacques, l’ Achigan, P.Q. - **47-10D**, and also, around 1967-68, to have taken over “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10D**.

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